



President's Message

Greetings! Here are our latest Westland Foundation updates for this spring.

We are glad to have celebrated our 25 years of supporting inner-Winnipeg students these past months. Our celebration has included the launching of our Westland Scholars' event and the Foundation's 25th anniversary-logo contest for Winnipeg's Grades 7 to 12 students. Thanks to our community's support, we have had a pleasant and meaningful celebration.

We are pleased to report that through your generous giving our scholarship for the academic year 2018-2019 totals over \$88,000 for 143 students. This brings our total of scholarships given since 2009 to over \$461,500 for 762 inner-Winnipeg students.

Sincere thanks to the Kellaway Foundation for its recent donation to the Education Fund and to The Winnipeg Foundation for its recent grant toward computers, software and furniture. The Winnipeg Foundation's grant will significantly assist our staff person and

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volunteers in their work for the Westland Foundation.

Thank you to all our committed volunteers, including our Scholars for their substantial contributions to our different programs. In particular, the Westland Scholars' night was phenomenal, and an account of this milestone event is on page 4.

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Meet the Westland Scholars



University of Winnipeg

Mikayla Desaulniers is a 2018 Westland Foundation Education Fund Scholarship recipient. A Sister High School graduate, Mikayla studies Pre-Radiation Therapy at the University of Winnipeg.

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CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

Meet the Westland Scholars



Raiden Leung
Red River College

Raiden Leung is with Red River College's Business Information Technology program. Raiden dreams of being a network administrator specializing in information security.

Raiden is grateful to Westland for the scholarship he received in 2018 and for allowing him to meet new people and develop his people skills. He says it is tough to find a network of peers.

As well, Raiden thanks Westland for inviting him to its events. He

attended the Foundation's volunteer appreciation reception in 2018 and recently, its Scholars' night. He says these events provided a venue to meet like-minded youth. He adds that these events allowed him to network with individuals he would have never tried to approach before.

As a result of these events, Raiden offers to volunteer with the Foundation through its Scholars' committee. Raiden says he wants to help in any way he can to give back to the Foundation.



Mary Duong
University of Manitoba

A Daniel McIntyre Collegiate Institute graduate, **Mary Duong** pursues nursing at the University of Manitoba.

Mary has been a student achiever since nursery. She thought she was ready for the new challenge university studies would bring her way. Mary tells of experiencing a burnout during her first year. The mental stress caused her to take a term break. She came back to school in winter of 2018 when she also received the Westland Foundation Scholarship.

Mary says, "The scholarship was not just financial aid but was a breath of

fresh air and a beacon of hope. Receiving an award reminded me that I could once again accomplish great things."

Because of the scholarship, Mary is excited to continue with her nursing degree. She thanks the Westland Foundation donors for their generosity and for believing that she can reach for her goals.

As a future nurse, Mary aims to provide patients with the best care in the world. Further, she says that she would like to become a donor to the Westland Foundation to give students in need the same support that she received.

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Mikayla says she is quite worried about the funds needed for her studies. She thanks Westland for the support and says it has relieved some of her worries and has helped her better focus on school.

"I am honoured to be a Westland Scholarship recipient. Thank you for the help to further my education and be less of a financial burden to my parents," she says.

Mikayla adds she is putting Westland's help to good use by studying hard and getting involved in her community. She volunteers at a soup kitchen, helps with Dreams Take Flight and runs a kids' camp every summer.

Meet a Westland Volunteer



Our featured Westland Volunteer is Ernie Gilroy.

Ernie's public service career includes two terms as a Winnipeg City Councillor and the CEO of the Manitoba Floodway Authority which managed the floodway expansion.

Ernie has known about the Westland Foundation since John Prystanski founded it in 1993. He and John were on City Council together, and they have remained friends since then.

John recruited Ernie to help sell tables for the 2018 Fundraising Breakfast, and he remained supportive after the breakfast. He is returning as the ticket sellers' committee chair for the breakfast this year.

As well as volunteering for Westland, Ernie and his wife Wendy are long-time supporters of Save the Children. Ernie witnessed volunteers from Save the Children in action when he was an international election monitor in Liberia after the civil war in 1997. Save the Children workers were assisting in re-uniting child-soldiers with their villages after the war, and he was impressed by how much they accomplished with so little.

Ernie challenges the younger generation to seize every opportunity to volunteer because he believes these opportunities will prepare them as they take over the leadership responsibilities in the world.

One thing that Ernie appreciates about the Westland Foundation is its focus on education. He lives in an older neighbourhood in the west end, and he was the City Councillor there. He is familiar with the challenges facing working-class families wanting a better education for their children, and he commends the Westland Foundation for providing scholarship monies to help these families.

Ernie places much value on higher education. He recalls that he had to study in the evening to obtain his business diploma. His education became the foundation he and his family needed to start and grow the family insurance business. He says that without his education, he wouldn't have been able to manage his own business.

Ernie is optimistic about the future, and he has confidence in the future generations of leaders like the Westland Scholars. While he worries about the health of the planet and the lack of civility in public debates, he believes that we live in one of the best countries in the world. "We should be proud, and we should be optimistic about the future." He challenges the younger generation to seize every opportunity to volunteer because he believes these opportunities will prepare them as they take over the leadership responsibilities in the world.

For Ernie, it has been a rewarding experience to volunteer with the Westland Foundation. Finally, he says, "In volunteering, you get back more than you give. The feeling of satisfaction outweighs the little work that you do to get the job done. So, roll up your sleeves and volunteer!"



Inaugural Westland Scholars' Reception Launched

Congratulations to the Westland Scholars' committee for the overwhelming success of its inaugural event held February 13, 2019, at the Millennium Library!

At the event, the Foundation honoured its Scholars' committee for its invaluable contributions to the Scholars' organization and other Foundation's activities beginning in 2018. It also provided a networking opportunity for the over 100 past and present Westland Scholars and the donors, volunteers and guests in attendance.

Westland Scholars Beruk Meshesha and Stephanie Decena emceed the program while pioneer volunteer Duyen Chau and committee chairperson Jessie Asuncion-Reyes brought Scholars' and Foundation's updates.

On behalf of the City of Winnipeg, Councillor Vivian Santos thanked and congratulated the Foundation for its passion for education for the past 25 years. She said, "Through its Scholars, the Foundation is creating humanitarians, a network of empathy and

understanding who are now paying it forward, and making the world a better place."

Deputy Mayor Councillor Markus Chambers spoke to the value of post-secondary education. The Deputy Mayor said, "Post-secondary education provides access to higher learning and an opportunity for further personal development." He stressed, "Higher education prepares students' minds for critical thinking that prepares them for challenges that life would bring."

Thank you to all our wonderful sponsors for contributing to the success of this event: The Jewish Foundation of Manitoba for its ongoing support for our alumni program development and 9Round Fitness – Graham, Across the Board Game Café, Caribbean Canada Heart Health Education, and The Real Escape for event prizes.

Once again, congratulations to our Westland Scholars' committee for a job well done!

To all our past and present Westland Scholars, we hope you will be able to attend our next Scholars' event. Stay tuned!



Grade 10 Student Won our 25th-Anniversary Logo Contest



Congratulations to Katia Hill for winning our 25th-anniversary logo contest!

Katia Hill is a Grade 10 Maples Met School student. She completed Grades 7 to 8 from Arthur E. Wright Community School.

Katia is very much interested in the performing arts and in working with kids. She currently interns with Irene Baron Eden Centre where she helps run

activities for elders. For Katia, the placement helps identify her strengths and future career options.

Katia plans to go to the University of Winnipeg. Her greatest dream is to work with law enforcement or in social work. She is determined to do anything that would lead up to her future career, including following through with high school.

Her family and relatives joined Katia when she received the grand prize of an iPad and revealed her award-winning design during the Westland Scholars' reception.

The 25th-anniversary logo, which is reminiscent of our 25 years of committed work for a better inner-Winnipeg, is now part of the Foundation's communications materials.

Thank you to Katia for her thoughtful design and thanks to all students and schools that participated in this contest.



NOVEMBER 2018 - APRIL 2019 AT A GLANCE

Website Re-Brand

Thanks to the funding support from the Manitoba Community Services Council, we have been able to re-brand our website.

To check out our website's new features, visit www.westlandfoundation.ca.



Recent Media Coverage

We are incredibly grateful to the media for telling our Westland Foundation stories to our wonderful community!

Here are our recent media coverage and the links, if applicable:

Indo-Canadian Telegram | Mayor Bowman Urges Inner-Winnipeg Students to Further Education, Earn Scholarships | November - December 2018

Winnipeg Free Press - Philanthropy Page
Breaking barriers for inner-city scholars - Non-profit celebrates 25 years helping youth achieve post-secondary dreams | Kevin Rollason
December 29, 2018

CJOB's Geoff Carrier Show | February 15, 2019 segment

Global News Morning | February 18, 2019 segment

CTV Morning Live | February 19, 2019 segment

Winnipeg Free Press - The Times | 25 years of supporting education - Westland Foundation celebrates its achievements
Ligia Braidotti | February 27, 2019

Winnipeg Free Press - The Times | Maples Met student wins design competition | March 4, 2019

Winnipeg Free Press - Social Page | Celebrating Westland
Jason Halstead | March 23, 2019

Ukrainian Winnipeg | Interview with John Prystanski | Andrii Shcherbukha & Valerii Pasko | April 2019



NOVEMBER 2018 - APRIL 2019 AT A GLANCE

Gordon Bell High School students



Daniel McIntyre Collegiate Institute students

Career Fairs Attended

Thank you to Gordon Bell High School and Daniel McIntyre Collegiate Institute for inviting us to their career fairs, which were held on December 3, 2018, and March 7, 2019, respectively. These were excellent opportunities to meet Grade 10 to 12 students and provide information to them about the Westland Foundation Education Fund Scholarship.

We are thrilled to be invited to R.B. Russell Vocational High School and Children of the Earth High School's joint career fair on April 24, 2019, to be held at R.B. Russell. Also, we will be at Sisler High School's career fair on May 8, 2019.

It is important for us to develop relationships with our future scholars. If you have any opportunities to introduce our scholarship to your students, please contact Marilyn Camaclang at 204 943 0511 or info@westlandfoundation.ca.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

2019 Fundraising Breakfast

Our 2019 Westland Foundation Education Fund Breakfast (WFEF) is coming very soon!

Please add to your calendar May 15, 2019, Wednesday at the RBC Convention Centre. The doors will be open at 6:45 a.m. with continental-style breakfast starting at 7:00 a.m. and the program beginning at 7:30 a.m.

With the theme, "Red River College and Westland Foundation: Helping Inner-Winnipeg Youth Accelerate into their Careers," our guest speaker will be His Worship Mayor Brian Bowman.

We ask for your support with a purchase of individual tickets for \$50 each or a table of 8 for \$400.

This year's event sponsor is Realcare Inc., and the proceeds will go to the WFEF at Red River College.



We are making sure it is worth getting up early for our 2019 Breakfast! Buy your tickets now! Contact Marilyn Camaclang at 204 943 0511 or info@westlandfoundation.ca.

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Special thanks to the media for consistently raising awareness about our work for inner-Winnipeg. To look back at the Foundation's latest news coverage, please refer to page 6.

Lastly, please do not miss the opportunity to give for inner-Winnipeg students' success. We invite you to attend our 13th Fundraising Breakfast on May 15, 2019, at the RBC Convention Centre. Our guest speaker is His Worship

Mayor Brian Bowman, and we have more students' participation this year. Other Breakfast details are on page 7.

On behalf of the Westland Foundation's board, volunteers and scholars, thank you for your significant Westland support for the last 25 years. We look forward to our continued partnership for inner-Winnipeg for the next 25 years and beyond.

JOHN PRYSTANSKI

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

2019 Recognition and Convocation Ceremonies



St. John's High School's 2018 Convocation Ceremony

We are delighted to be joining our inner-Winnipeg schools in their recognition and convocation ceremonies this June and July 2019.

Our purpose is to encourage our Junior and Senior High School students to actively and consciously participate in their future educational success.

We will recognize our deserving, talented and hardworking students at these ceremonies. We will award certificates that will remind students that a post-secondary scholarship is available to them and post-secondary education is within their reach through focused and dedicated efforts.

We are more than excited to share with you our participation in these momentous gatherings!

2019-2020 WFEF Scholarship Application Deadlines



Miles Maula
2018 Westland Scholar
University of Manitoba

We are reminding all inner-Winnipeg Grade 12 students, to apply for the academic year 2019-2020 WFEF scholarships.

Application deadlines are as follows:

June 30, 2019 - University of Manitoba

July 12, 2019 - University of Winnipeg

September 01, 2019 - Red River College's fall programs

February 15, 2020 - Red River College's winter programs

Submit your completed application form along with copies of Grade 7 through 12 transcripts to your school of choice. You can download the application forms for each school at:
<https://westlandfoundation.ca/the-wfef-scholarship/application-forms>.



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